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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
GUY SERRE ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: 10/019,439 :
FILED: May 8, 2002 : EXAMINER: UNASSIGNED
FOR: FIBRIN CITRULLINE :
DERIVATIVES AND THEIR :
USE FOR DIAGNOSING OR :
TREATING RHEUMATOID :
ARTHRITIS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT & STATEMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Notice of July 30, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit herewith an amendment, a Sequence Listing, and a computer-readable Sequence Listing.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 12, lines 9-19 as follows:

--The sequence gly-pro-arg-val-val-glu-arg-his-gln-ser-ala (SEQ ID NO.1) was obtained from the membrane fragment corresponding to the w64-78 antigen. This sequence is strictly identical to the sequence 36-46 of the product of the human fibrinogen α -chain